

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification as indicated below. Please replace the paragraph on page 8, lines 3-9 with the following amended paragraph:

The pellets 18 making up the chemically active filter element 16 are an important feature of the filter 10 hereof. The pellets are made with a diameter in a range of 0.10 to 5 mm, preferably a range of 0.1 to 3 millimeters, or more preferably in a range of 0.25 to 2 millimeters in order to control the interstitial spaces therebetween in the filter matrix. The size of these interstices is specially chosen and engineered to screen out most complexes which result from a reaction between combustion acids in the filtered oil and the basic conditioner of the pellets, without substantially reducing the flow rate through the chemically active filter member 16.